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Application No. 10/021,612
Attorney Docket No. 104910.00018

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 21, and 22 are pending with this paper. Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 1-14. Applicant is canceling claims 15-20 without prejudice. Applicant is adding claims 21-23, which are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Other Amendments

Applicant is amending claims 1-4 and 10-14 to delete "the steps of" and "the step of" to clarify what is being claimed. The amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant is canceling claims 15-20 without prejudice.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

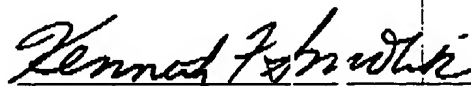
Applicant is canceling claims 15-20 without prejudice.

Conclusions

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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